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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE HAMBURG APPLE MARKET

Prices received for American barreled apples at the Hamburg auction on Thursday, March 24, ranged from 49¢ to 67¢ per barrel below the level of the preceding week, but boxed varieties were from 25¢ to 50¢ per box higher, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. A comparison of the Liverpool and Hamburg auctions for Wednesday and Thursday shows that prices are now on approximately the same level. For several weeks the Hamburg auction paid from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per barrel more for American apples than did the Liverpool auction. This stimulated transshipments from British markets until increasing supplies lowered the margin.

Auction prices in Hamburg for the leading barreled varieties on Thursday, March 24, ranged from \$4.20 to \$5.84 per barrel as against \$4.87 to \$6.33 last week. Prices paid for comparable grades and sizes of barreled stock in Liverpool on Wednesday, March 23, ranged from \$4.62 to \$5.47 per barrel. Hamburg prices on boxed stock ranged from \$2.92 to \$3.65 per box for good condition fruit as compared with \$2.43 to \$3.41 per box last week and \$3.04 to \$3.77 per box in Liverpool.

Hamburg supplies are still very heavy, states Mr. Smith. The barreled varieties are arriving overripe and are showing considerable waste. This situation has taken the confidence out of barreled stock. Poor condition barreled stock was disposed of at from \$1.70 to \$4.14 per barrel as compared with \$2.19 to \$4.62 per barrel paid for fruit in similar condition last week.

The following table gives the prices paid for American apples in Hamburg on March 24, with comparisons:

Prices paid for American apples in Hamburg and Liverpool

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price		
		Hamburg		Liverpool
		March 17, 1927	March 24, 1927	March 23, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl	Per bbl
Baldwin:				
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up .....	New York	\$4.87 - 6.33	\$4.20 - 5.84	\$4.62 - 4.87
Winesap:				
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up .....	Virginia	4.87 - 6.33	4.20 - 5.84	5.11 - 5.47
Rhode Island Greening:				
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up .....	New York	4.87 - 6.33	4.20 - 5.84	5.11 - 5.47
Ben Davis:				
A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up .....	Virginia	4.87 - 6.33	a/	a/
		Per box	Per box	Per box
Winesap:				
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	2.43 - 3.04	2.43 - 3.16	3.04 - 3.28
Yellow Newtown:				
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	2.43 - 3.41	2.92 - 3.65	3.59 - 3.77
Extra Fancy, 163/175b/	"	1.95	1.96 - 2.68	2.43 - 2.86

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ Poor condition.

